

**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Cash Counters Communists**

THE newly-formed Industrial and Investment Corporation of India is possibly the most effective counter measure to Russian infiltration into India. The appointment of Mr. Perceval Beale, formerly chief cashier of the Bank of England, as general manager seems to indicate a massive "dollar-pound" drive to help India to compete economically with Russia and Communist China in Asia. The mature and efficient administration and political system of India and her acquaintance with Western methods of finance presents the most obvious and most rewarding choice for economic aid in Asia. The new investment and credit scheme, subscribed to by both British and American commercial interests should give India a chance to compare the free flow of Western capital with whatever assistance can be offered by the Communist powers. There are no strings, political or otherwise, attached to the scheme involving a total of \$18,750,000, and therefore there can be no suspicion that is attached to direct foreign aid.

THE mere fact that the City of London and Wall Street have backed the scheme shows that those hard-headed financiers have a great deal of faith, not only in being able to reap their due reward, but faith in India and her position in the world. Western investors are well aware of the potential threat along India's northern borders and that the Kashmir question remains unsettled. Both are unsatisfactory from a financier's point of view, particularly the latter as any crisis there could throw the country into turmoil. But the risks have been carefully calculated and the resulting battle of the pound-dollar combination versus the rouble should end in another Western victory—a victory sorely needed to bolster morale in an area which is wide open to Communist infiltration.

**Guardians Of Hongkong Trade**

A fortnight ago, a British retail trade official — Mr Roger Diplock — said in London: "There seems little or no doubt that the bulk of merchandise coming from Hongkong is Japanese".

That fantastic charge set off a spate of protests. Our representative in London, Mr E. G. A. Grimwood called it "non-sense". The China Mail said it was "arrant poppycock". The South China Morning Post called it a "malicious slur". In tomorrow's China Mail, feature writer George Liu makes a thorough examination of the safeguards provided by the Department of Commerce of Hongkong to ensure that local manufacturers and exporters play the game in Empire and International trade—

World's strangest story this week is about the shy girl in the red cloak who swindled thousands of pounds in THE CASE OF THE BOGUS HEIRESS by Julian Holland.

We publish the fifth chapter of FABULOUS LADY this week — the real, Gortuldo Lawrence story written by Nancy Spain. Read about Gerdie's money troubles, her loved and her marriage in this week's episode. More of the secrets of Interpol this week in the third authentic article by A. J. Forrest. Read this week about the girl who took part in a gold smuggling racket.

**NEW SOVIET WARNING TO THE WEST**

**Moscow Threatens To Expand Armed Forces If Paris Treaties Are Ratified**

Moscow, Dec. 9. Russia today informed the Western powers that she and her Allies plan to counter the West's moves to rearm Germany by stepping up their own armaments and so "safeguard their security."

The Soviet Government released a note sent to Britain, France and the United States saying she would match the growing armies of NATO by "no less powerful forces."

The Soviet note regretted that the three Western powers would not take part in the Moscow conference on collective security in Europe.

It described the ratification of the Paris agreements to rearm Germany as "flagrantly incompatible" with the Potsdam agreement of 1945 which provided for the occupation and demilitarisation of Germany.

The note also said the Paris agreements would militate against an Austrian settlement.

"RENDER FUTILE"

The note declared in unqualified terms that the ratification of the Paris agreements would render futile any talks between the four great powers on the unification of Germany.

The Western powers have urged that four-power talks be held on Germany and other European questions after ratification of the Paris agreements rearming the Germans. Russia

had proposed general talks to forestall ratification and Communist States met in Moscow at the beginning of this month following Western rejection of the invitation.

The latest Russian note was delivered to the British, American and French Embassies shortly before midnight on the eve of the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Franco-Soviet treaty of friendship.

"ALL MEASURES"

The note declared: "In reply to the carrying out of the rearmament of West Germany and the aggressiveness of their policy of the North Atlantic Pact states, the Soviet Union and the other peace-loving countries will take all necessary measures to increase their

armaments and safeguard their security."

**VIGOROUS WARNING**

London, Dec. 9. Russia's latest note to the Big Three Western Powers delivered in Moscow today conveys a vigorous warning that Four-Power talks on Germany after the recent London and Paris agreements on West German rearmament have come into force would be doomed to failure.

The new Soviet note was seen in diplomatic quarters tonight as a fresh move to check ratification by states which are parties to the agreements to rearm West Germany.

Ratification debates on the London and Paris agreements are due to take place in Paris and Bonn before the end of the year.

**Hongkong Shivers: Temperature Down To 53 Degrees**

Shivering Hongkong, experiencing its first cold spell this winter, saw the thermometer drop to a minimum temperature of 53.0 degrees Fahrenheit last night.

The weatherman, however, was not surprised. "This is by no means exceptionally cold for December," he told the China Mail this morning.

**THE WINTER MONSOON**

A statement by Mr G. S. P. Heywood, Director of the Royal Observatory, said: "The present cold spell is due to the development of a strong anticyclone over China during the last few days, resulting in a fresh surge of the winter monsoons along the China Coast."

"Northerly winds set in on Wednesday, but never became strong owing to the sheltering effect of the hills to the north."

"At the same time, strong north-easterly winds, occasionally reaching gale force,

were experienced in the Formosan Straits.

"The temperature in Hongkong fell from a maximum of 74.8 degrees on Tuesday to a minimum of 53 degrees last night.—This is by no means exceptionally cold for December."

**Ava Goes To An R.A.F. Dance**

Penang, Dec. 9. Ava Gardner, the Hollywood film star, danced and dined with R.A.F. officers at the lonely northern R.A.F. airbase of Butterworth tonight.

After the airliner in which she was travelling from Hongkong had been diverted from Singapore, due to the heaviest rains in years flooding the runway, Miss Gardner was told the plane might take off at any time with two hours' notice from Butterworth.

So R.A.F. officers arranged a party for her.

After Miss Gardner dined with the station commander, Wing-Commander A.G. Wilson, she attended an impromptu party at which she danced with many officers.—Reuter.

**HUTTON TRIES BAILEY AS AN OPENER**

Melbourne, Dec. 10. Trevor Bailey opened with Len Hutton in an experiment to iron out one of England's team problems before the second Test as the M.C.C. after winning the toss, began their match against Victoria here today.

The Bailey experiment is part of an effort to find a batsman who could stay in with Hutton for the second Test, due to begin on December 17.

Rog Simpson was England's other opening batsman in the first Test, but since then Hutton has been seriously considering whether it would not be more advantageous to England to have Bailey as an opener.

A good start is essential for England, and with Bailey going in at six or seven his defensive batting qualities may be rendered useless because of the long "tail."

It is significant that two slow bowlers, John Wardle and Jim McConnon, are included in the team. This may indicate that

the all-fast attack has been abandoned.

Denis Compton, nursing a broken finger, rejoined the M.C.C. party here yesterday, but there is little likelihood of him playing in the second Test.

The cricket this morning was described by commentators as "dismal" and "dull" with the batsmen content to play themselves in against an "indifferent" attack on a pitch favouring the bat.

The M.C.C. lost three wickets in quick succession after lunch, Hutton going for 41, May for 4 and Bailey for 60.

The score was then M.C.C. 161 for three.—Reuter.

**Miracle Miller Retires**



**Bannister To Concentrate On His Work**

London, Dec. 9. Dr Roger Bannister, the first man to run a mile under four minutes, and the European champion of the 1,500-metre race, announced tonight he was retiring permanently from athletics.

Dr Bannister, who is only 25 years old, made his announcement at a dinner for sports correspondents at the London Press Club.

He had been elected the British sportsman of 1954 by these journalists for this has certainly been his most remarkable season.

**BEAT OWN RECORD**

During this season, he ran the first four-minute mile. Then he beat his own record and the Australian runner, John Landy, by running the mile in 3 minutes 58.8 seconds in Vancouver.

He also won the European 1,500 metres championship at Rome in 3 minutes 43.8 seconds and won the British championship at the White City Stadium in July last.

Dr Bannister who was Britain's Olympic hope for 1958 announced that he was retiring as his medical activities left him no time for training.

**"NOT FAIR"**

He added that everyone would understand that he would not now be content with second-rate performances and it would not be fair to give second-rate performances when representing Britain.

Dr Bannister said: "Since the European Games it has become increasingly difficult for me to train. And now that I am taking up a resident hospital appointment I'm afraid it will be impossible to combine competitive athletics with my work as I've tried to do in the past."

**"GOING TO MISS HIM"**

Chicago, Dec. 9. Mr Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, said tonight "we're going to miss Roger Bannister."

Mr Brundage said Dr Bannister was not only "one of the greatest runners" but also deserved praise for the manner in which he complied with the "spirit" of amateurism.—France-Press and United Press.

**Mackenzie Home**

Vancouver, Dec. 9. Squadron leader A. R. Mackenzie of the Royal Canadian Air Force returned home today after two years' imprisonment in Communist China.

First to greet him was his pretty blonde wife Joyce. It was the first time the couple had been together since November 1952.—Reuter.

**European Talks Next Week On Aid For Asia**

**Small-scale 'Marshall Plan' Likely**

Washington, Dec. 9. The United States Foreign Aid Director, Mr Harold Stassen, announced today he planned to confer with European economic authorities in Paris next week on Western European participation in the projected new programme of expanded economic aid for Asia.

He predicted at a press conference that over a period of months an "affirmative and significant programme would unfold."

Such an Asian aid project, Mr Stassen said, would involve smaller amounts than those used in the European Marshall Plan but it would be of longer range.

**TALKS WITH O.E.E.C.**

The United States spent about \$15,000,000,000 on European economic aid over a seven-year period.



Mr Harold Stassen

Mr Stassen said he would be in Paris next week for the North Atlantic Council meeting as a member of the United States delegation and while there he anticipates having informal talks with some of the officials of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation with regard to participation in the Asian economic programme.

He said he had been very encouraged by the world demonstration in the preliminary discussions on the Asia aid plan both in Europe and in Asia.

The extent of the United States contribution would be conditioned on the extent of the current participation which was essential for the success of the project.

**LONG-RANGE PLAN**

He said he was confident such participation would be forthcoming but declined to go into any possible contribution figures or proportions.

He also declined to put any time limit on the duration of the Asian aid programme except to say it would be of long-range adding that although some out-

received capital worth \$16 million from the Government of India but was also enlisting private capital from India, Britain and the United States to develop economic activity in that country.

He said the scheme would apply to South Korea, Japan, Nationalist China, the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, South Vietnam, Malaya, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan and Afghanistan.—Reuter & France-Press.

**Gable's Ex-wife Marries A Prince**

Port Lee, New Jersey, Dec. 9. Mrs Clark Gable, formerly Lady Ashley, was married for the first time at a civil ceremony today to Prince Dimitri Djordjic, a former White Russian cavalry officer. They were married in the office of the Board of Health.

Lady Ashley signed the register as Sylvia Edith Louise Gable, 44, and gave her address as Riverside, California. She was born in London.

The Prince, aged 53, is assistant to the President of the Ambassador Hotel, New York.

Lady Ashley's previous husbands were Lord Ashley, son of the Earl of Shaftesbury, Douglas Fairbanks, senior; Lord Stanley of Alderley and Mr Gable.—Reuter.

**Wyndham Street Holes**

Owners of cars, who were disgruntled to find their accustomed parking places in Wyndham Street taken over by workmen digging gaping holes in the road in the last few days, may not be pleased to read this.

The craters were created by various public utility companies and the drainage office, who are carrying out checks on cables, pipes and drains... before reconstruction work on the whole of Wyndham Street begins.

**NEW GALES SWEEP BRITAIN**

**Ice, Rain, And 60m.p.h. Winds Reported In Many Counties**

London, Dec. 9. More gales and torrential rain swept across storm-whipped Britain today, bottling up shipping, rupturing transport and damaging homes.

Flood chaos gripped many counties in western England and threatened to spread as snow on high ground began to melt.

Landslides blocked road and railway tracks. Fog descended on northern cities cutting visibility in places to 50 yards.

**Haven Waves**

Ships huddled together in the safety of harbours. But at Southampton and Liverpool more than usual — carefully shepherded the 63,000-ton liner Queen Elizabeth into the English Channel on her way to Cherbourg and New York. She was 24 hours late in leaving.

In the Skuas of Dover 60-mile-an-hour gusts sent huge waves battering coastal defences. For the second day in succession the cross-channel steamer Canterbury, with passengers from Calais, was diverted to Dover from Folkestone.

In Somerset, Devon and Cornwall flooding was still severe, and many roads were impassable. Northern roads were covered with snow and ice.

**Leicester, Floods**

Two families had narrow escapes from injury when a severe gale tore the front walls from their homes at Farnham, Hampshire.

Leicestershire experienced its worst flooding in 25 years when rivers burst their banks. Hundreds of acres of farmland were under water, marooning cattle and sheep on high ground.

There was also extensive flooding along the river Thames valley.

Weather outlook: Gales moderating.—Reuter.

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Blue Corn, six-year-old Indian girl, kisses the ring of Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, at observance marking the 50th anniversary of the Marquette League, Catholic Indian Mission Aid Organisation, Cardinal Spellman, Chairman of the League's Episcopal Advisory Committee, presided at a solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving for the League. Behind the Cardinal is Smiling Bear, chief of the Hopi Indian Tribe in Arizona. The League helps to maintain 200 Chapels and 59 mission schools for Indians in the United States and Alaska.—Express Photo.

## Russia May Give Uranium To Atomic Agency

Washington, Dec. 9.

American officials saw some indications today that Russia may eventually give some uranium for the proposed new international atomic agency. Nothing is firm. The Kremlin has not promised any contributions yet. It has not even fully endorsed the United States-sponsored atom-for-peace plan although it voted for it on Saturday when the United Nations approved it.

But the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, sounded a somewhat hopeful note late yesterday in a lengthy statement on the first anniversary of President Eisenhower's original atomic proposal.

For the first time he revealed that the United States behind the scenes negotiations with Russia have been focused mainly on getting Moscow to contribute its share of fissionable materials to the proposed agency.

He also held out some hope that the Russians would come through with a contribution and finally co-operate fully in the great effort to bring the benefits of the atom to the world.

"Despite initial lack of interest by the Soviet Union in the United States proposal," he said, "our perseverance in this negotiation finally has resulted in an apparent change in the Soviet position," Mr. Dulles said.

But he did not elaborate. However, other Administration leaders hope that the Soviet contribution will be forthcoming soon so that the agency can get set up and started on its work next year.

The United States already has pledged 220 pounds of uranium of a non-weapons grade for use in research reactors which other nations might build. Britain has pledged 44 pounds.

Atomic experts said that there is no way of determining precisely how much Russia's share would be since little is known about its nuclear progress.

But assuming that Russia ranks between the United States and Britain, they said its contribution should be between 44 and 220 pounds as pledged by the other top nuclear nations.

They see no reason why the Russians might not be able to match or top the American contribution if they want to do so.—United Press.

## The Hand Of Their Dead Leader Reaches Out

Palermo, Sicily, Dec. 10.

Killing, kidnapping, armed robbery and cattle-rustling are on the increase again in Sicily after the superficial clean-up which brought death to Salvatore Giuliano, the island's bandit king, in July 1950.

The special force of 2,000 anti-bandit police from the mainland which hunted down Giuliano is now mostly engaged in Sardinia.

In Sicily, where it operated for nearly two years, it has again left the field free to the Mafia, that close-knit secret network which operates as a state within the state, distributing its own justice, keeping public order in its own interests, regulating social relationships as it sees fit and terrorising all those who do not belong to it.

General Ugo Luca, the commander of the special anti-bandit police, succeeded in breaking up an exercise of the Mafia when his agents killed Giuliano and half a dozen of his gang and arrested another 50.

## A NUISANCE

Indeed, many Sicilians claim that the police only vanquished the gang because the Mafia began to find it a nuisance.

General Luca had been specially instructed to hunt Giuliano and his men and to destroy them. But to do so he had to cleave his way through the tolls of the Mafia, which emerged entirely unscathed.

It had emerged equally unscathed and self-confident from previous attempts by the Italian Government to clear it out. The biggest of these was launched by the Fascist dictator, Benito Mussolini, in the late 1920's. But its main effect was only to force on the Mafia greater elasticity and greater secrecy.

No longer do Mafia recruits go through elaborate initiation ceremonies—shooting at a crucifix, for example, to show that after such an unholy shot they would not hesitate, on the Mafia's orders, to draw on anyone, however dear.

But still today all Sicilians know by name the chief figures of the Mafia. The death, in tranquil old age, of Don Calogero Vizzini, in July this year was a national event because he was known as the executive chief of the Sicilian Mafia.

From his hotel suite in Palermo, always guarded by henchmen, he reigned over much of the life of the city and the surrounding provinces—arranging the disposal of public works contracts, intervening as middleman, whether wanted or not, in business deals, settling promises of election support to candidates to local government bodies or to the central Parliament in Rome, deciding which horses should win races, and

## EXTENSIVE PROPERTY

When he died, he left a sulphur mine and other extensive property to his brother, Don Salvatore Vizzini, a priest.

Three hundred peasants, to whom he had given land round his native village of Villalba, announced that they would erect a monument to him.

Three thousand telegrams of condolence, addressed to the brother, arrived at the Villalba post office within hours of his death.

Most of them were couched in the flowery rhetoric of Sicilian speech. One, from a noted Palermo lawyer, declared: "Profoundly saddened by the death of a sincere friend, I bow reverently before the lasting memory of Calogero Vizzini, the most clean-cut, exuberant expression of the strong Sicilian race, a generous heart, defender of the poor and of the weak against bureaucratic, political and social oppression, aimed at suffocating liberty. Justice, prestige and dignity."

"Calogero Vizzini leaves to Sicilian history the example of a past inspired by a sense of honour, of mutual respect, of self-confidence—a severe admonition for the youth of today, which drifts in uncertainty, not knowing what it wants, to the great damage of the prestige of a proud people."

## PRINCELY FAMILIES

Components of the great machine manipulated by Don Calogero included members of the princely families of Sicily, most of them great landowners, members of the Italian Parliament, officials of the civil service and the police, lawyers and magistrates, and thousands of obedient individuals in the Palermo docks and slums as well as in the countryside of the four eastern provinces of Sicily.

For all these people, the laws of the Mafia take unquestioned priority over the laws of the Italian state. Much of their day-to-day business is conducted through Mafia channels. None of them would think of appealing to the police or the civil courts in case of trouble or injustice, before applying to the local Mafia chieftain.—China Mail, Special.

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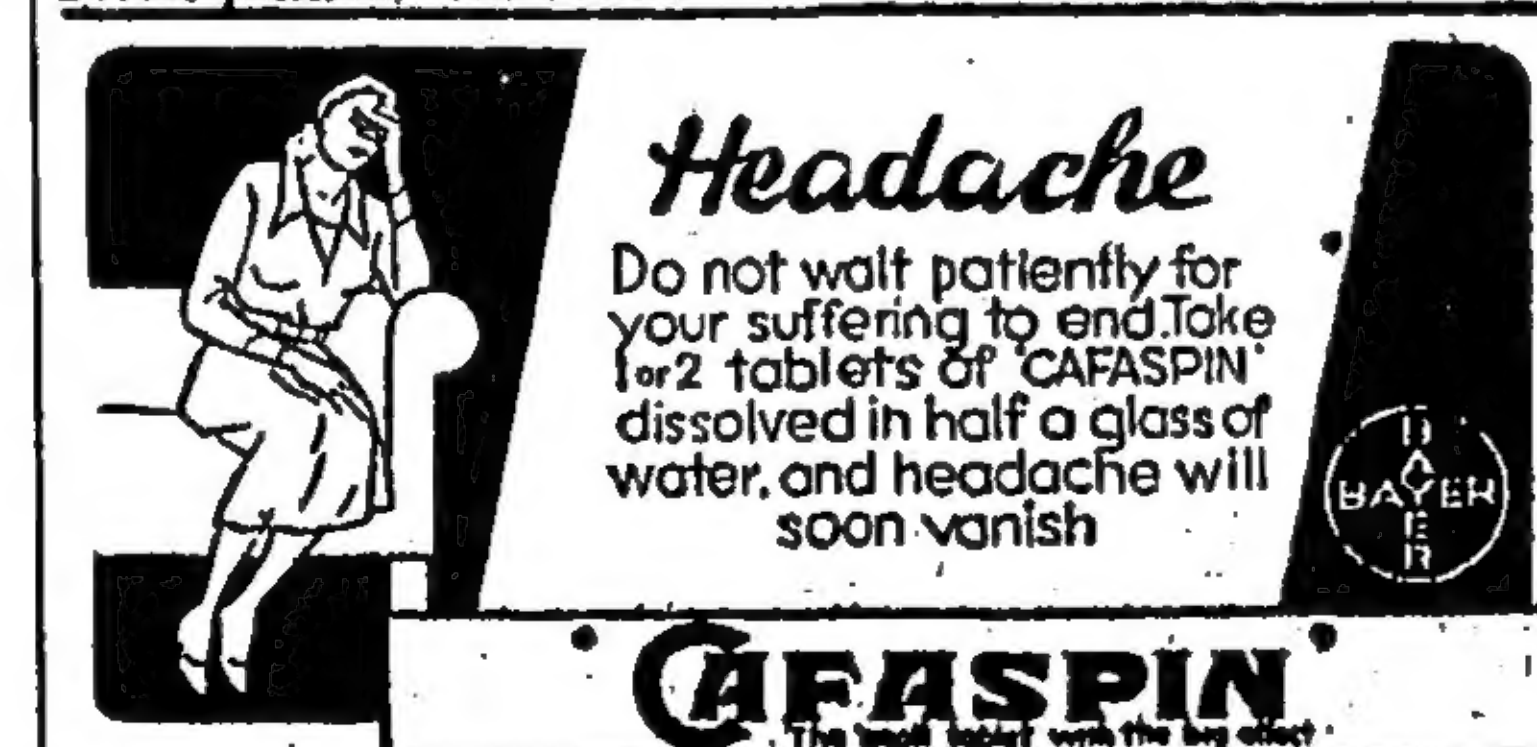
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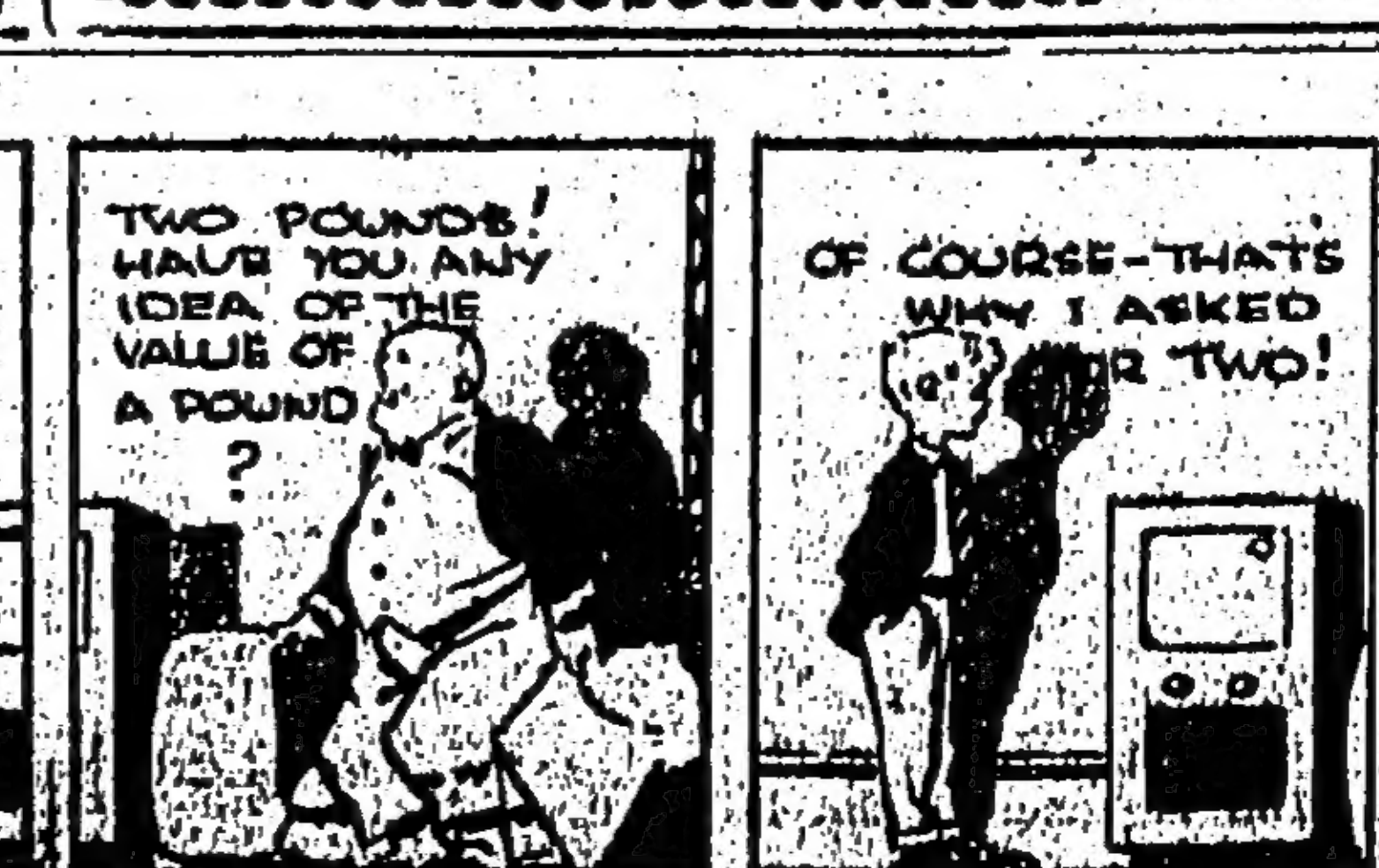
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# LODGE DENOUNCES MALIK

## STORMY SCENE IN FRENCH ASSEMBLY

Paris, Dec. 9. The French National Assembly opened its debate on North Africa tonight with a stormy scene between former Foreign Minister Georges Bidault and Minister of Interior Francois Mitterrand.

The verbal fireworks, which underlined the tension behind this searching question, was the policy of the Premier. M. Mitterrand, however, also over a disagreement concerning the recent debate into the issue of defence.



M. BIDAULT

"I don't want your compliments," shouted M. Mitterrand whose "spirit of deviation" had been praised by M. Bidault. "The compliment is withdrawn... Let that be understood once and for all," rapped M. Bidault.

The former Foreign Minister, whose speech opened the debate for the opposition, asked the Premier, "Where are you leading us in North Africa?"

M. Bidault's speech was a request for information rather than an outright criticism. "LEGITIMATE SOVEREIGNTY" Turning directly to where M. Mitterrand was sitting, he said, "Tell us clearly what you want to do. You have accused the previous governments of acting clandestinely. Do not let yourself be open to your own reproaches. Our attitude will depend on your reply."

"Ben Arad was the only legitimate sovereign of the Syrian Empire. None of us contemplates the eternal exile of the former Sultan and of his family, but I understand that there can be no discussion in the present situation in Syria without previous consultation of Parliament," he said. —France Presse.

## False Arguments Over Imprisonment Of American Airmen

United Nations, New York, Dec. 9.

The United States delegate, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr, bitingly denounced the Soviet delegate, Mr Jacob A. Malik, in the United Nations today for using false arguments in defending Red China's imprisonment of 11 American airmen as spies.

He accused Mr Malik of making misstatements, of twisting United States statements for his own purposes and of trying to mislead fellow delegates in parroting Chinese Red charges that the airmen were spies even though they wore uniforms when captured.

Attacking statements by Mr Malik that there had been "contradictions" in American statements about the airmen, Mr Lodge said:

"If a visitor from Mars came and heard such a debate, it would wonder the individual's normal reasoning ability were functioning. Mr Malik said:

### MALIK STUNG

Mr Lodge made the attack on Mr Malik in the U.N. General Assembly in debate on a resolution under which the world organization is to take responsibility for seeking the freedom of the 11 airmen and of all other U.N. military personnel still held by the Chinese Communists.

Mr Malik, then, to open the debate, said that he would not be a party to the moment to Mr. Lodge's "outburst," but would let the United States speak.

Mr Lodge dissected the Soviet statement, Mr Malik, and made use of Soviet "contradictions" and showed that they were false.

He also took occasion to say that he could speak for in front of the United Nations, about known Soviet Russia's espionage all over the world. The Assembly adjourned for dinner after Mr Lodge's speech, to meet again at 9:30 (GMT).

It is expected that the resolution under debate, which is certain to pass by an overwhelming majority, will come tomorrow afternoon.

Speaker after speaker from the 15 allied countries which fought beside the United States in the Korean War denounced Red China and Russia in the debate.

Mr Malik charged that 11 airmen were "spies" by Red China. He was met by a special press signal, warfare, brigade under the control of the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

### BLACK AIRCRAFT

"They were American spies, dropped into China to commit black criminal deeds

under the black cover of night from aeroplanes painted black," the Russian told the United Nations General Assembly.

Despite Mr Malik's attempt to defend Red China's action, the Assembly was expected to vote overwhelmingly some time tonight to condemn the sentencing of war prisoners who should have been repatriated and to insist that Secretary-General Mr Dag Hammarskjold "negotiate with Peking for their release."

The Chinese Communists announced that they had released 13 Americans to gain terms from four years to life imprisonment on espionage charges.

Mr Lodge said Mr Malik's statement that the 11 airmen were in full uniform when they were captured collapsed the case.

Britain's Mr Anthony Nutting said it was "fantastic" to believe the Americans would be sent in full uniform to carry out espionage.

Earlier Sir Percy Spender of Australia predicted that the General Assembly would be "sounding the death knell" of the United Nations, if it failed to do all in its power to obtain the release of the 11 American airmen.

He told the Assembly it had a responsibility to work for the airmen's freedom.

"Perhaps to the Soviet Union the lives and liberty of a few men are of no account," he said. "But to us, who believe in the principles of the Charter and seek to serve those principles, there is at stake here issues of far-reaching significance, for if the United Nations fail on this issue to measure up to our responsibilities—and we shall, I hope, not fail—then I venture to predict that we will have sounded the death knell of this organization. For these soldiers are our men and we must protect them."

### EMPHASIS

Sir Percy, who is Australian Ambassador to the United States, said it was strange that Russia placed so much emphasis on the accusation that the airmen were engaged in espionage and subversion. Then he recalled the case of Vladimir Petrov, Soviet representative who received asylum.

## U.K. Shipowners Waiting On Jap Policy

London, Dec. 9.

British shipowners are awaiting evidence of a change in Japanese policy to ensure the normal interplay of "competitive conditions", a shipment expert said here today.

Mr J. C. Denholm, President of the Charter Shipping of the United Kingdom recalled that Mr Shigeru Yoshida, ex-Prime Minister of Japan, was left in no doubt during his visit to Britain recently about the current Japanese shipping policy was viewed here and the effect it would have on Anglo-Japanese commercial relations.

In a statement to the Press, Mr Denholm said a change in policy in Japan could only be brought about by "a cessation of subsidisation in whatever form it may take."

He declared: "British shipowners look forward to the report which, no doubt will be presented by the United Kingdom Parliamentary delegation which has been to Japan to discuss the question of unfair competition with leading business representatives in Tokyo and Osaka." —China Mail Special.

an Australia and revealed Russian espionage activities in that country.

He recalled that the Soviet delegate, Mr Malik, had said the airmen were guilty of a "foul crime" against Red China.

"It comes somewhat strangely from the mouth of a representative of the Soviet Union for, as every democratic country in this Assembly knows, the Soviet Government that condemns this as a terrible crime engages in espionage and subversive activities in every democratic country in the world."

"I am obliged to say that in my own country we are in the course of examining the extent of espionage and subversion carried out under the protection of their Embassy."

The Australian delegate said that, in addition to the prisoners of war sentenced by the Communists, there may be many others still being held.

"Their fate is one not comfortable to contemplate," he said. "The mere fact that they were not singled out and in a burst of publicity sentenced to prison terms after the so-called trials makes their lot no less serious."

Sir Percy said Russia's insistence that Red China was not a belligerent in the Korean war was a "childishly concocted story."

He demurred to know why the Chinese had taken almost two years to "set justice" on Communist standards.

### PART OF COLD WAR

"No doubt this is part and parcel of the cold war in which the Communist governments continue to engage," he said. "They speak about peace, they speak about co-existence, and they engage in acts like this to increase international tension."

Sir Percy concluded: "We have started on the road which must lead us to the deliverance of these men. There can and must be no tugging back until they have been restored to their homes and their families." —United Press.

### DENIAL

Washington, Dec. 9. A State Department spokesman today denied any knowledge of a reported exchange of 13 U.S. airmen imprisoned for alleged espionage for 38 Chinese students resident in the United States.

A Canadian newspaper, Toronto Star, had published the story of a reported exchange offer from Peking.

Informed American sources said that they had no knowledge of a forthcoming proposal from Peking to exchange the imprisoned American airmen for Chinese property belonging to residents of Communist China at present blocked in the United States. —France-Press.

London, Dec. 9. A record total of £952,000,000 was spent on food in Britain in the third quarter of this year. Household goods also claimed a record with £231,000,000 though clothing dropped substantially to £215,000,000. —China Mail Special.

## ROYAL FASHION SHOW IN LONDON



Lady Pamela Berry points out special features to Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and Princess Margaret when they attended the London Fashion Designers' Annual Fashion Show in London. At this Royal Fashion Show, London's "Top Twelve" show their loveliest creations, many of which are specially designed for the event.—Express Photo.

## Ten Thousand Times He Sang 'Old Black Magic'

Las Vegas, Dec. 10.

Singer Billy Daniels was presented with a cake commemorating the 10,000th time he has sung "That Old Black Magic"—a ditty he has parlayed into a million-dollar career.

It is not that Billy has kept track of the number of times he has belted out the song that made him famous. The vocalist leaves the country soon, and the El Rancho Vegas Hotel thought it would be nice to give him a combination going-away and "Black Magic" party.

"Lord knows how many times I've sung that song," Billy says. "But it seems like a million. Everywhere I go people yell for it."

"It's gotten so I can't stand the song. I have more than 10 different arrangements of it—just to break the monotony. My mind wanders to other subjects while I'm doing the number—everything from poetry to other songs."

### 10 YEARS AGO

Daniels, whose tortured facial expressions and body contortions are as much a part of his act as his singing, first crooned "Black Magic" at the Harlem Club in Atlantic City about 10 years ago.

"I started singing it like everyone else," he explained. "Then I gagged it up with finger snapping and throwing my arms around. The crowd

like it so well I had to take it seriously. So I sang it the same way the very next night."

"I didn't realize it at the time, but 'Black Magic' was changing my whole act. The change was gradual at first, but after a few months I was doing every number along those lines."

"It's just one of those happy things. I've done that song on more shows than any other artist has ever done any one song. I'm sure of it. I keep throwing in little twists to keep it up to date, and, like I said, to keep from going crazy."

Daniels pointed out that President Franklin Roosevelt early in his first term of office let it be known that "Home On The Range" was his favorite song. Thereafter, the President was unable to go within a 'rombone's elide of an orchestra or band without having the musicians break into their version of the Western favorite.

President Truman suffered the same fate with the "Missouri Waltz."

## ALGERIAN TERRORISTS ACTIVE

Batna, Dec. 9.

Terrorist activity in the Aurès mountain area of Algeria has been marked for the past 48 hours by attacks on individual Moslems reputed to be pro-French, reports reaching here tonight indicated.

Two Moslems known as pro-French were set upon and killed by terrorists near Foun Toub, and in another small locality a Moslem and his four-year-old son were reported to have been slain.

Others reputedly pro-French Moslems have received threatening letters.

Meanwhile, French forces continued mopping-up operations against terrorist bands throughout the mountain range. —France-Press.

### COMPENSATIONS

"I liked 'Black Magic' at first, too, but now I'm pretty sick of it. The song has its compensations, though," Daniels laughed.

"I'm leaving for Australia for eight days and more money than I've ever made. They'll be paying me \$5,000 a performance. For that kind of money I could sing 'That Old Black Magic' every hour on the hour." —United Press.

## MOTOR LICENCE RECORD IN U.K.

London, Dec. 9.

Motor vehicle licences in force in Britain last August totalled 5,622,000—the highest number ever recorded. —China Mail Special.

## FELLAGHA AMNESTY EXTENDED

Tunis, Dec. 9. France tonight extended "Operation Fellagha" an additional 24 hours in a bid to bring out the last hold-outs of the once-powerful Tunisian "National Army of Liberation". The amnesty offer, which was to have ended at midnight tonight, has now been extended until midnight tomorrow, December 10.

Over 2,400 of the estimated 2,500 outlaws have laid down their arms and returned to their homes, ending six months of bitter warfare between French security forces and the extreme Nationalists.

The French authorities here said the round-up was 100 per cent successful in Northern Tunisia, will have been completed in Southern Tunisia by tonight, and that the only bandits who have not yet rejoined are in the central sections of the country.

The principal recalcitrant group was the 50-strong band led by Tahar Lassoued.

Representations by leaders of the Tunisian Nationalist Movement Party, including Jean Bourguiba, son of the party leader, Habib Bourguiba, have failed to induce Lassoued to give up.

Officials estimated that as "Operation Fellagha" neared its end, close to 2,500 Tunisian aimed outlaws have turned themselves in and surrendered a total of 2,000 arms.—United Press & France-Press.

## Officials Charged With Murder

Phoenix City, Ala., Dec. 9.

Two tousel Phoenix City officials—a circuit solicitor, Arch Ferrell, and the chief deputy sheriff, Albert Fuller—were charged today with the murder of a crime fighter, Albert Patterson.

They were arrested within hours of a Grand Jury's presentment that returned murder indictments in the case of Patterson, who was cut down by an assassin's bullet on the night of June 18 when he stepped from his car in a darkened Phoenix City parking lot.

Sheriff Lamar Murphy, who took over when Sheriff Ralph Mathews was ousted from office, arrested Fuller at the former policeman's home. Officers were waiting for Ferrell when the dapper ex-official drove up to his home. Ferrell was ousted from office after his indictment by a Grand Jury at Birmingham on June 30, 1954, on vote fraud charges. —United Press.

## Round-The-World By Jeep

London, Dec. 9.

Benjamin Frederick Carlin, the ex-Indian Army Major who startled the world in 1951 by crossing the Atlantic from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Rio de Oro in a United States Army surplus amphibious jeep, is about to start on his travels again.

The 42-year-old Perth, Western Australia, man and his Boston-born wife Eleanor, who crossed the Atlantic with him, plan to leave England early next year in their jeep "Half Safe" for Australia.

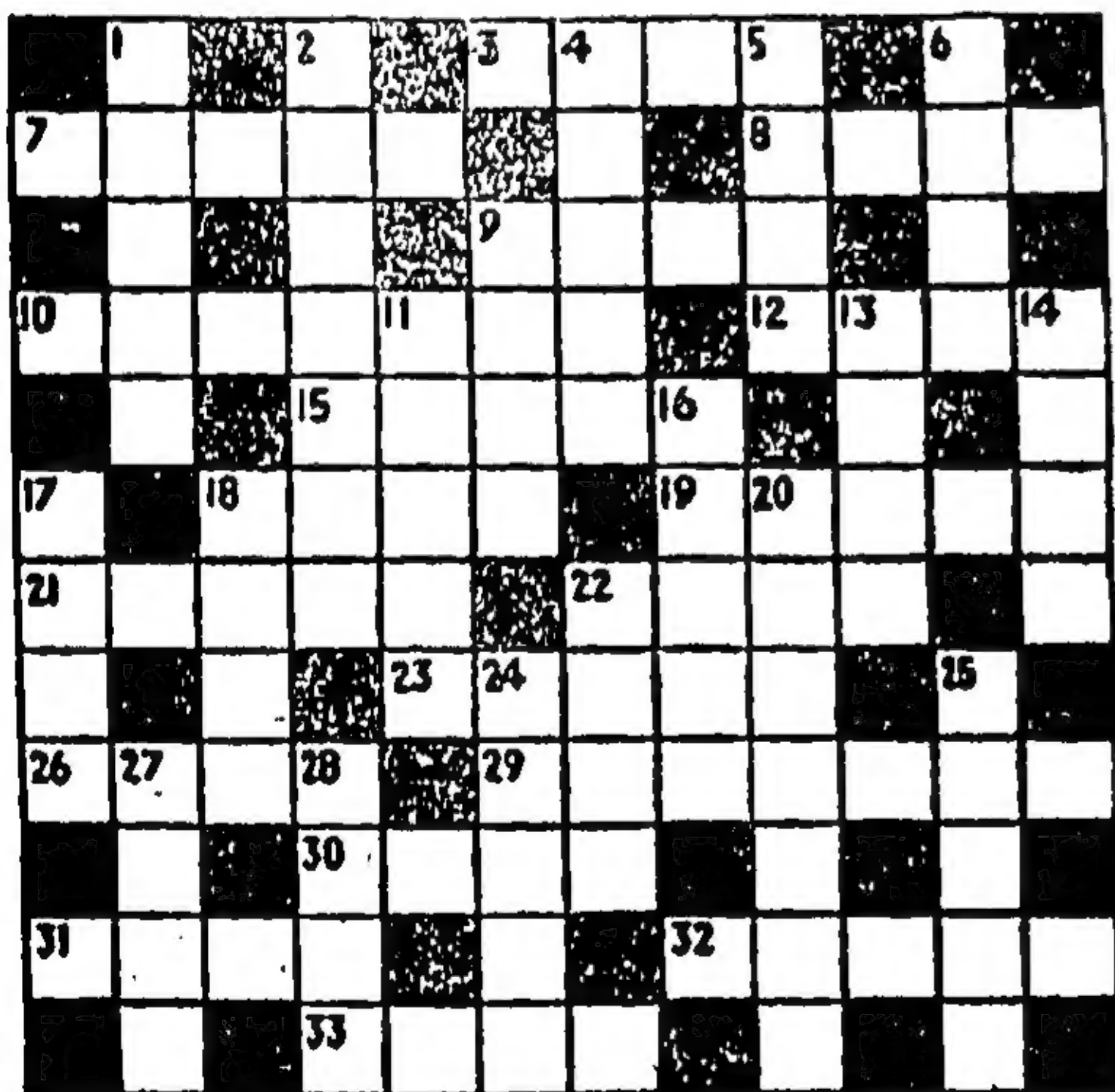
After a short tour of his home country Mr Carlin plans to get back on his original road at Singapore and from there head off for San Francisco and Montreal to complete his globe-circling tour in "Half Safe" some six and a half years after he began it.

Mr Carlin boasted once to a friend that a man could drive

an amphibious jeep around the world under its own steam. "Nobody believed him, so Mr Carlin, at the end of the war, went to the United States and bought a surplus United States Army 'Duck'."

In July, 1950, he sailed the 10-foot-long Duck out of Halifax and to the world's amazement landed at Cape Juby in Spanish Rio de Oro in March, 1951. From there he drove through Casablanca, Tangier, Gibraltar, Spain, Portugal, France, Denmark and Sweden before returning to London through Holland and France.—United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3 Tumble (4).
- 7 Artificial silk (6).
- 8 Notion (4).
- 9 Circumstances (4).
- 10 Get ready (7).
- 12 Shirt (4).
- 13 Black wood (5).
- 18 Boss (4).
- 19 Monsters (5).
- 21 Heaps (5).
- 22 Chaste (4).
- 23 Cream (6).
- 24 Flashed (4).
- 25 Possess by descent (7).
- 30 Conroe (4).
- 31 Bathing-place (4).
- 32 Evil spirit (5).
- 33 Dart (4).

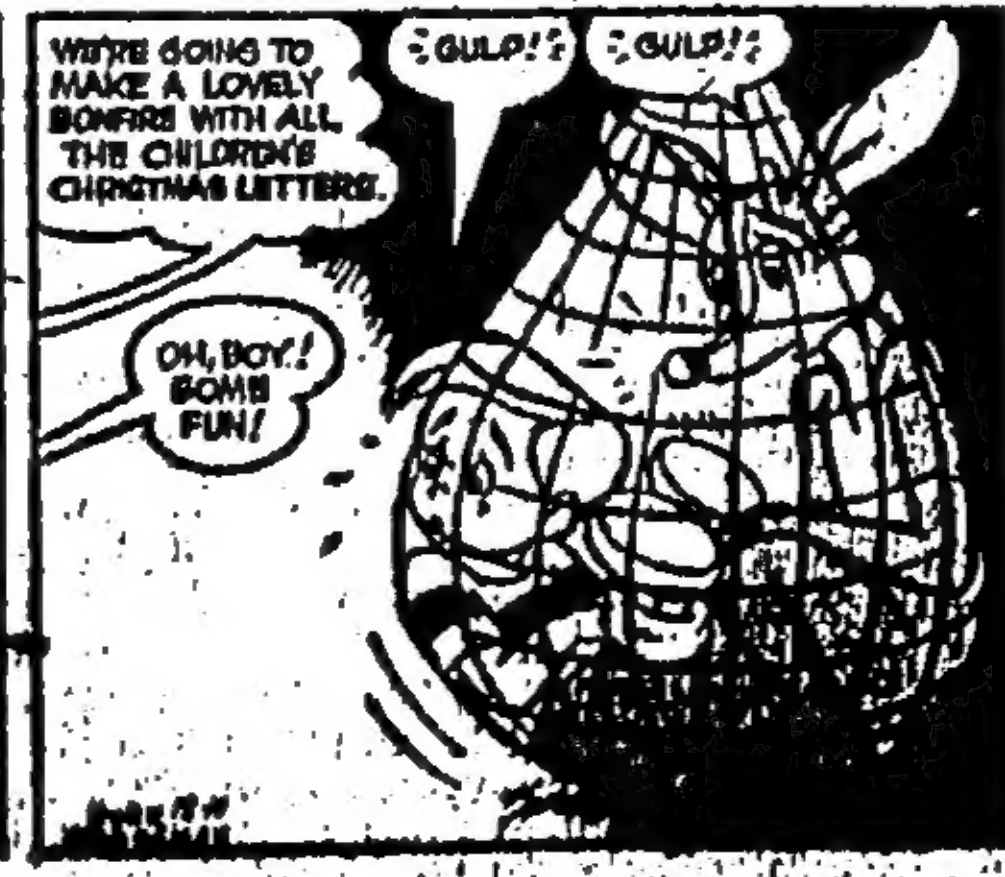
### DOWN

- 1 Wed (5).
- 2 Vile with (7).
- 4 Foreigner (5).
- 5 Catalogue (4).
- 6 Equal (4).
- 9 Trampled on (4).
- 11 Revile (5).
- 13 Land measure (4).
- 14 Job of work (4).
- 16 Early life (5).
- 17 Precious stone (4).
- 18 Slender (4).
- 20 Welcomed (7).
- 22 Colour (4).
- 24 Ties (5).
- 26 Polite (5).
- 27 Flower (4).
- 28 Poko (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Placid, 7 Abed, 9 Rogue, 10 Lisle, 11 Tans, 13 Retaliated, 15 Noar, 16 Door, 19 Despondent, 22 Eros, 24 Outer, 25 Tudor, 26 Pare, 27 Endure, Down: 2 Light, 3 Creel, 4 Dollar, 5 Fastened, 6 Keen, 8 Blade, 12 Strut, 13 Ridge, 14 Arranged, 17 Odour, 18 Spume, 20 Noted, 21 Rider, 23 Noar.

## Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

By Robert L. May

















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## FIRST GERMAN DEBATE ON PARIS TREATY

Bonn, Dec. 9.

The West German Bundesrat (Upper House) will debate the Paris treaties in first reading tomorrow and pass them on to the Bundestag (Lower House) with its comments but without a vote.

The Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, who spent today at home recovering from a slight cold, will address the Bundesrat according to present plans.

The Bundesrat debate is not expected to raise any serious difficulties over the four treaties which end allied occupation and return West Germany within Atlantic defence. Its legal committee has recommended that the Bundesrat need concern itself with only the treaty ending occupation.

The Committee recommended that the others on the Saar, West Germany's entry into NATO and West European Union and the stationing of foreign troops do not need Bundesrat approval because they do not touch the rights of the Federal States, whose representatives make up the upper house.

The treaties get three readings in the Bundestag, the first of which is scheduled for next Wednesday and then go back to the Bundesrat for a final vote.

Free Democratic Party sources said today that Dr Adenauer was contemplating an conference in January with France, Britain and the United States on the Saar agreement.

NO KNOWLEDGE  
This conference, they said, would take place before final reading of the treaties in the Bundestag and would offer a means of obtaining "clarification" which is the Free Democratic Party's condition for support of the Saar agreement in the Bundestag.

The West German Foreign Office and the Allied High commissions said they knew nothing of this proposal.—Reuter.

## DEATHS

CARLSON, Leo, 72, formerly of Shanghai & Kobe, died peacefully on December 10, 1954, at the Matilda Hospital. Funeral service at the Chinese Cemetery on December 11, 1954, at 11 a.m.

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## Prostitutes Increasing In London

London, Dec. 9.

The Government was questioned in Parliament tonight on what action it proposed to limit the increasing numbers of prostitutes on the streets of London.

Several members of the House of Commons said that the increase of prostitution was discouraging tourists from visiting Britain.

Mr Marcus Lipton, Socialist, said that fines levied by the courts were not heavy enough and were regarded by prostitutes as a sort of licence.

Maj. Gwynllwy Lloyd George, the Home Secretary, admitted that there had been a considerable increase in the number of women arrested for soliciting in the past few years.

But the Government was waiting for a report from a commission of inquiry before proposing any alteration in the existing laws on prostitution, he said.—France-Press.

## Lifeboat Is Made Of Glass Fibre

London, Dec. 9.

The first lifeboat in the world to be made of glass fibre has been produced at East Molesey, Surrey.

The boat—24ft. long with an 8ft. beam—is made of laminated glass fibre and has a smooth, glossy finish.

It is not painted, but any colour can be impregnated into the glass fibre during production, and it will never fade.

NO DETEIORATION  
"This boat will not deteriorate under service conditions," said Mr A.G. Hall, a designer employed by the makers.

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The gunwale and seat supports are moulded into the hull to give added strength. The glass fibre is non-absorbent, and will not shrink or swell.

The boat seats between 30 and 38 people.—(London Express Service)

## PACIFIC COAST JUVENILES ARE A PROBLEM

San Francisco, Dec. 9.

Juveniles of the Pacific Coast are problem children.

Their activities have attracted so much attention that they have been the subject of a formal investigation by a Committee of the United States Senate.

Like many another Senate investigation, these hearings were inconclusive. But the evidence was interesting and reflected life in the United States along the Pacific coast.

Authorities stated conflicting facts. Some said that the rate of juvenile crime was in the record-breaking category. Others said that the lawless actions of the teen-agers were nothing for anyone to become excited about.

## CONSTANT CHECK

One of the witnesses before the Senate Committee was an official of the Social Hygiene Association whose mission is to

keep a constant check on the rate of social diseases in major cities and the reasons for any increase.

The Association's report, filed with the Senate Committee, noted juvenile prostitution along Market Street in downtown San Francisco.

"In nightly observations of street conditions made along Market Street and intersecting streets, as well as in remote sections of the city, not one street walker was met or observed accosting," the report declared.

"However, along Market Street, from early evening until the small hours of the morning, many servicemen were noted to pick up young girls who appeared between the ages of 10 and 18 years."

This statement by the Association was almost directly opposed to the report given to the Senate Committee by Captain Daniel Kiley, head of the San Francisco Police Department juvenile bureau.

He dismissed the possibility of "juvenile prostitution," discounted the reported increase in the use of drugs by teenagers and said that the only problem confronting the youthful citizens was one of how to handle their drinking, particularly "beer drinking."

## LAW-ABIDING

All in all, according to Captain Kiley, the juvenile in San Francisco is a rather law-abiding citizen.

More factual evidence was given by the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Mr. Philip Green, and Mr. Herman Stark, director of the California Youth Authority.

Last year, Mr Stark reported, 73,226 teen-agers under 18 were arrested in the State of California, an increase of 2.0 per cent over 1952.

The number of probation cases increased by 7.5 per cent and cases referred back to the Authority increased by 5.7 per cent over 1952.

Mr Stark added that the type of offenses being called to the attention of the correctional agency were more serious in nature than even before in the history of the State.

Mr Green, who gave a report on the local juvenile problem, said that the modern teen-ager was getting into more serious trouble with the law than ever before. He attributed this mainly to drinking.

## USE OF DRUGS

Mr Lester Divine, a police chief of Oakland, California, stressed the increasing use of drugs by teen-agers. He cited official records to reveal that in his city alone January 1, 51, teen-agers had been arrested for using marijuana or heroin.

He added that the use of barbiturates is also increasing to become a major problem. He urged the Senators to tighten Federal laws to control the distribution and use of this type of drug.

Members of the Senate group showed interest in the validity of establishing Federal forestry camps for disturbed, displaced and undisciplined youths.

According to Mr Stark, the state official, "there are 24,000 unattached out-State kids floating around California today."

"Many of them have not been apprehended. About 600 committed serious offenses. Unless Congress takes on the responsibility, I don't see how we can do any kind of a constructive job."

When the hearings concluded, Senator Robert Hendrickson (Republican, New Jersey) commented that San Francisco has "a very severe juvenile delinquency problem, one that requires immediate intelligent and expert appraisal."

NO SOLUTION  
He did not, however, suggest any means for reducing the seriousness of the problem as he saw it.

His conclusions at the end of the hearing were summed up as follows:

"California is in dire need of relief from a mounting and actually shocking delinquency pattern. We hope the testimony will offer ways and means to attack the problem objectively."—China Mail Special.

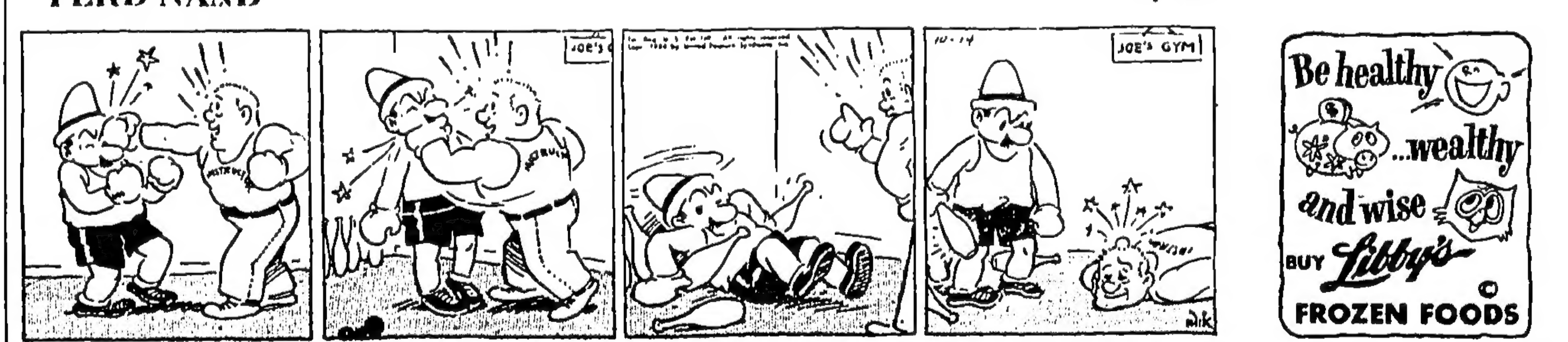
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## The Arctic Ocean May Be Opened To Navigation

—IF THE ICE KEEPS MELTING

Washington, Dec. 9.

Dr Laurence Gould, authority on Polar geography, said today that the ice cap on the Arctic and Antarctic had been melting since the beginning of this century and this fact had very great scientific implications.

Many coastal cities throughout the world would be submerged in the hypothetical event that this melting continued until the ice was gone, he indicated.

If the melting in the Arctic continues at the present rate for another 50 years, the Arctic Ocean will be open to navigation," said Dr Gould in an address to the Stanford Club of Washington.

"If the ice on Greenland and Antarctica should both be melted it would raise the sea-level 100 feet. If all the ice in Antarctica only should melt, it would raise the sea-level between 75 and 90 feet."

Dr Gould made these and other statements to illustrate the scientific importance of observations to be made during the International Geophysical Year, 1957-58.

He is President of Carleton College and chairman of the Antarctic sub-committee of the United States National Committee for the International Geophysical Year. He was second-in-command and chief scientist of Admiral Richard Byrd's expedition to Antarctica in 1928-29 and conducted a 2,000-mile sledge journey on that continent.

He expects to return to Antarctica in the Geophysical Year.

In his address, Dr Gould said the Antarctic continent had the highest average elevation of any continent, averaging about one mile above sea-level, and was as large as the United States and Mexico combined.

### MORE DATA

He said that a recent meeting in Rome preparatory to the International Geophysical Year had revealed an unexpected and extraordinary interest in Antarctic problems.

"The scientists knew that some of the major geographical problems will never be solved until we have more data from Antarctica," he said. "Once we have weather stations in Antarctica as well as the Arctic, it will be possible to predict the weather in Washington (meaning all parts of the world) with an accuracy undreamed of today."

"Great rushes or surges of air move out from Antarctica—how far is not yet known. Each year ice flows from Antarctica into the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in a volume so great that if spread over all the land area of the world it would be one foot thick."

Referring to observations made during his sledge journey in Antarctica, Dr Gould said: "There is more coal in Antarctica than in all of the world, but it is totally useless, inaccessible, and of interest only from the scientific point of view."

A United Press correspondent later asked Dr Gould whether there was uranium in Antarctica. He replied: "Right now we can only guess. Our guesses would be based upon the fact that it is a large continental area and uranium deposits have been found on every other continent. There may be uranium there, but we do not yet know for certain."

In his address, Dr Gould said that 31 countries including Soviet Russia, were preparing to participate in the International Geophysical Year. He did not state what countries would work in Antarctica, but expected there would be 21 observation stations in the area.

He said the United States planned to have scientific stations at Little America, the South Pole, in Marie Byrd Land and possibly elsewhere.

### A PREVIEW

He said the cruise of the ice-breaker Atika, which left Boston on December 1 for Little America, was regarded as a preview of ice and navigation conditions preparatory to the International Geophysical Year. Asked who "owns" Antarctica, Dr Gould replied: "According to our State Department, no one. The U.S. does not recognize anyone's claim."

He said that under International Law a territorial claim must be validated by occupation, but that it was not clear just what that meant.

"The International Geophysical Year involves co-operation

of 31 nations in the most ambitious co-operative programme in the whole history of science," he said. "Despite international political differences, co-operation in science moves along."

### IS ISOLATED

Dr Gould said Antarctica would never have a strategic importance comparable to that of the Arctic area, because it did not lie on major routes of commerce, and the fact that 90 per cent of the world population lay north of the Equator.

"It is isolated, lifeless, and without means of support (human) life," he said. On the other hand, he cited the rapidly growing importance of the Arctic area to world communications, as revealed recently by the establishment of a trans-Greenland airline between Scandinavia and Los Angeles in California. "This is the first 'new route' in 1,000 years but it is not really new," he said. "The Norse explorers tried it a thousand years ago and their idea was right, but their navigation facilities were inadequate."—United Press.

## Crack Shot Saves Stranded Party From Starvation

Francistown, Bechuanaland, Dec. 9.

George Denyer is a crack shot, who has represented Southern Rhodesia at Bisley.

Flying in a Dragon Rapide to Maun in Bechuanaland for a shooting holiday, he naturally had a sporting rifle with him. When the plane ran out of petrol and landed on the edge of the Oloovango swamp, he was able to keep the party supplied with plenty of meat until they were rescued three days later.

**BOTTLE OF WHISKY**  
The only other sustenance they had was a bottle of whisky and two pounds of margarine. Fortunately, they found water in a pan about two miles away.

In spite of marauding lions and a mid-day temperature somewhere between 110 and 120 degrees, they could "have lasted for days," said Mr. W. A. Rheeders, one of the passengers in a Press interview after his escape.

Besides the pilot, the plane carried three passengers, including 21-year-old Mrs. Joan Posthumus.

"We slept in the aircraft, to be safe from marauding lions. There may be uranium there, but we do not yet know for certain," said Mr. Rheeders.

He added: "We took turns to fetch water from the swamp. We had to make a special trip three times a day. We could never have lived out for that water nearby—the temperature at mid-day was somewhere between 110 and 120 degrees, and the blazing desert sun intensified the heat a thousand times."

"Talking a careful bearing on the location of the plane, Mr. Denyer would walk out into the bush hunting game. He never failed to bring back a buck."

**SPOTTED**  
The missing plane was spotted by a South African Air Force Dakota which returned to Bulawayo and sent out a Cessna, which landed beside the Rapide and filled it up with petrol.

Both machines then took off and landed here. The passengers suffered no ill effects from their ordeal but as it is almost certain they have been bitten by the two-toed fly, at least three of them will have to undergo blood tests and probably a complete sleeping sickness course.

—France-Press.

## SHARE PRICES AT NEW PEAKS

### Busiest Week For Many Months On Stock Exchange

By A Special Correspondent

Utilities, Banks, Cements and Humphreys surged ahead this week as a new influx of investment money gave the Hongkong Stock Exchange its busiest week for months with the daily turnover averaging \$2,240,000.

At least four shares reached their highest levels for years.

Banks hit the highest point for at least three years when the shares sold at \$1,930 yesterday after sweeping up suddenly on Wednesday on higher advice from London. There, the nominal rate was quoted at £108, £5-10s, higher than last week.

In the Utility section—where there was most activity—Trans surged ahead to \$20.90, up \$1.10 since last Thursday after being in the doldrums for weeks with the unsettled "dispute" over the demand for workers. Star Ferries even joined in the up-swing of prices. This is generally a comparatively quiet share but this week it moved up \$4 to \$143. China Lights, ex-dividend on Friday climbed \$1.20 to \$17.80 obviously as a result of the excellent balance sheet.

Hongkong Electric moved up from \$87.50 to \$89.50 to hit its highest point for many years, apparently on rumour that the Company is interested in buying the Gas Company. Telephone made a smaller gain of 50 cents to rise to \$32.

### CEMENTS' PEAK

Cements took the limelight with their seasonal leap to \$40.40—up \$2.50 on the week to their best-ever price. Brokers feel that these shares have reached their limit now but in fairness to holders of Green Island scrip it is worthwhile stating that brokers have been saying that now ever since the share passed the \$30 mark in October.

Dairy Farms are up 30 cents to \$24.70.

In the Lands section, Humphreys rose \$1.30 to an all-time high. Allie's which rose from \$4.325 to \$4.45 and Textiles, slightly higher on the week, were the only shares in the Wheelocks group to benefit from the market up-swing. The others remained steady.

### CHOOSE CAREFULLY

Hotels, Lends, Wharves and Dockers, while making good improvement last week maintained high levels although obviously investment buyers this week chose their stocks carefully and showed preference for the tried and trusted "blue chips" rather than the more sportsy land-interest issues. In the Rubber section, Amalgamated are up, too. They rose from \$1.175 to \$1.325 while Trusts have improved slightly to \$1.975.

Brokers are convinced that Light's balance sheet started the market rise. This shows that the figure for earnings released and released in the business in the year to September 1954 was no less than \$10 million. Last year that figure was \$3,800,000.

### 385 NEW FACTORIES

Their report shows a continued substantial increase in the number of units generated and sold and no less than 385 new factories were connected with light and power during the year... and the trend is to further expansion and development of local industry! Remember last week there was what I called a "small boom" on the market, generated chiefly by the demand for shares of companies which might possibly have land for sale. The advance has become much more widespread since. Friday saw a further increase in share values with business touching the \$3 million mark and sending a number of shares to new "highs" for the year. On Monday before the Light's balance sheet was released, the market suffered fractional losses but then in the afternoon sentiment improved and the market has not looked back since.

In fact on the Wednesday half-day, business amounted to \$1,400,000 while yesterday was another \$3 million day.

### MORE CONFIDENCE

On the surface the political news is not encouraging with the Americans making determined bids to force China to return the so-called alien and threatening massive retaliation if the Chinese attack Formosa. Many people, however, realise despite the sharp criticism by Mr. Chou En-lai and others in

### Saigon Renault Assembly Line

Phnompenh, Dec. 9.  
M. Pierre Lefebvre, Director General of the French Renault Automobile Company, confirmed his intention here today of opening an Assembly line at Saigon for the company's small, popular four horse-power model.

He also said that he was optimistic about Vietnam's political and economic future.—France-Press.

### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 9.  
Profit-taking dominated on the stock market today, cutting prices for the second session in a row.

The selling was not heavy enough to cause any alarm since it was concentrated in recent upside leaders, where there are substantial profits to be taken, and was accompanied by decreased turnover.

A member of the best features were on the upside a spurt of 12½ points to \$216½ in American, a gain of 5 to \$154 in Corning Glass, which will be split 2½-for-one, a jump of 7½ points to \$84 in Minnesota Mining and manufacturing reported to have a new photographic recording tape.

For the market as a whole, however, prices were lower, with industrials down 1.55 on average, rails 1.57 and utilities 37 cents.

Losses were most severe in the rails where Atlantic Coast Line slumped 2½ to \$135½. Santa Fe 2 points to \$130.

Steels were narrowly mixed. Out of a total 1,241 issues traded, 682 were lower.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,470,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was \$20,000 shares.

### DOW JONES AVERAGES

20 Industrials 332.35  
30 Railroads 133.20  
15 Utilities 61.06  
65 Stocks 113.03  
Common future price—United Press.

### World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Dec. 9.  
Price of rubber futures closed today in Malayan cents per lb. F. O. B. Malayan ports as follows:

No. 1 rubber Dec. 81½-81½  
Feb. 81½-81½  
No. 2 rubber Dec. 81½-81½  
Feb. 81½-81½  
Spot rubber unbleached 79½-80  
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No. 1 pale crepe 79½-80

**NEW YORK**  
Futures today closed 13 points higher to 8 points lower with sales of 82 contracts.

In the spot market, dealers reported a very steady undertone because of the higher prices and limited shipment offerings from the East, although consumers have continued to operate cautiously.

No. 1 RSS spot were quoted at 28½ cents a pound, nom. Future closings were:

Dec. 28.20  
Jan. 28.20  
Feb. 28.20  
Mar. 28.20  
Apr. 28.20  
May 28.20  
June 28.20  
July 28.20  
Aug. 28.20  
Sept. 28.20  
Oct. 28.20  
Nov. 28.20  
Dec. 28.20

**LONDON**  
The market was quiet but steady with No. 1 RSS spot quoted at 24½ pence per lb.

**AMSTERDAM**  
The market was quiet. Prices closed in guilders per kilogram, CIF Dec. as follows:

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